

ACTION BY: Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs

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§226.19(b)(6)

Limitation on Number of Meals/Snacks Per Child  
Per Day In the Child Care Food Program

This Instruction sets forth the policy on the number of reimbursable meals/snacks that may be served per child per day.

Section 17(f)(2)(B) of the National School Lunch Act prohibits reimbursement to any institution or family or group day care home sponsoring organization for more than two meals and one supplement per child per day. Given the fact that Congress intended to reduce Child Care Food Program expenditures by enacting this limitation into law, the law is interpreted to control the amount of reimbursement that can be paid by setting a limit (three) on the total number of meals and supplements and a limit (two) on the number of meals (as opposed to supplements).

Therefore, a child care center or family day care home may as a maximum, serve either two meals and one supplement or two supplements and one meal.



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